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**EDUSTRUCTURES ACQUIRES SIF TECHNOLOGY FROM SUN  
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*Transaction demonstrates companies' commitment to the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) and open source reference implementation*

**Salt Lake City, Utah—March 5, 2002**—Edustructures, the education industry's first independent K-12 application integrator, announced today that Edustructures has acquired Sun SIF technology with a commitment to keep the code in the open source community as an accessible reference implementation. The software includes JaZ, a SIF zone integration server (ZIS) and J/SAL, a Java class library that eases the migration effort from legacy applications to Java-based SIF solutions.

"Sun's Java-based JaZ is the first completed example of Java technology being applied to a SIF Zone Integration Server," said Mark Silzer, senior manager of international sales at Sun. "We feel strongly that broadened availability of a robust, independent, open source ZIS reference implementation is key to the continued momentum of the SIF standard in education. Edustructures is well positioned to lead in the K-12 integration space, and with their expertise and application and operating system independence, they represent the perfect home for JaZ and J/SAL."

Edustructures co-founder Steve Curtis, a veteran educational software executive, agrees, "The acquisition of JaZ and J/SAL is our way of saying to the community that we strongly support SIF and we're committed to its success. Edustructures believes that every open standard needs a strong, independent reference implementation for its community to use collaboratively. Edustructures

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will rename the products, OpenSIF ZIS and OpenSIF Agent Classes, and will continue to make them available as open source references for the SIF community.”

Application vendors developing SIF-compliant applications can use OpenSIF ZIS to demonstrate their application in a sample environment. Schools coming up to speed with SIF-compliant application integration can use OpenSIF ZIS to begin developing "proof-of-concept" implementations. "OpenSIF ZIS is ideal for those application developers and school districts attempting to validate SIF as a viable technology," adds Eric Petersen CTO and co-founder of Edustructures. "It will represent a valuable compliment to Edustructures' forthcoming SIFWorks solution, an enterprise-grade ZIS and application developer kit, also authored in Java.”

Ron Kleinman, Chief Vertical Evangelist at Sun Microsystems, adds, "This agreement with Edustructures will both raise the value proposition for school districts considering adoption of the SIF standard, while lowering the barrier to entry for those vendors with legacy K-12 applications. I am confident that OpenSIF ZIS will promote the vision of true interoperability within the educational enterprise, which is after all what SIF is all about.”

### **About Edustructures**

Edustructures is the recognized leader in SIF integration solutions for the K-12 education market, making it possible for market-leading Student Information, Library, Transportation, Cafeteria and Directory solutions to reliably and securely share data in real-time. Through its SIFWorks® integration platform, comprehensive professional services, and business relationships with technology providers and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education. For more information about Edustructures, please visit [www.edustructures.com](http://www.edustructures.com).

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